19556
JAN 13 1986

S 9.10:10556

TREATIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ACTS SERIES 10556

NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

PEACEKEEPING

Multinational Force and Observers
United States Role

Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and ISRAEL and EGYPT

Effected by Exchanges of Letters
Signed at Washington August 3, 1981

GOVS 9.10:

NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89-497, approved July 8, 1966 (80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

". . . the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof."

For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, D.C. 20402

MULTILATERAL

Peacekeeping: Multinational Force and Observers—United States Role

Agreement effected by exchanges of letters
Signed at Washington August 3, 1981;
Entered into force August 3, 1981.

The Secretary of State to the Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

August 3, 1981

Dear Mr. Minister:

I wish to confirm the understandings concerning the United States' role reached in your negotiations on the establishment and maintenance of the Multinational Force and Observers:

1. The post of the Director-General will be held by U.S. nationals suggested by the United States.

2. Egypt and Israel will accept proposals made by the United States concerning the appointment of the Director-General, the appointment of the Commander, and the financial issues related to paragraphs 24-26 of the Annex to the Protocol,[1] if no agreement is reached on any of these issues between the Parties. The United States will participate in deliberations concerning financial matters. In the event of differences of view between the parties over the composition of the MFO, the two sides will invite the U.S. to join them in resolving any issues.

3. Subject to Congressional authorization and appropriations:

A. The United States will contribute an infantry battalion and a logistics support unit from its armed forces and will provide a group of civilian observers to the MFO.

B. The United States will contribute one-third of the annual operating expenses of the MFO. The United States will be reimbursed by the MFO for the costs incurred in the change of station of U.S. Armed Forces provided to the MFO and for the costs incurred in providing civilian observers to the MFO. For the initial period

The Honorable
Kamal Hasan 'Ali,
Deputy Prime Minister; Minister of
Foreign Affairs,
The Arab Republic of Egypt.

---

[1] TIAS 10557; 34 UST.

(July 1, 1981 - September 30, 1982) during which there will be exceptional costs connected with the establishment of the MFO, the United States agrees to provide three-fifths of the costs, subject to the same understanding concerning reimbursement.

C. The United States will use its best efforts to find acceptable replacements for contingents that withdraw from the MFO.

D. The United States remains prepared to take those steps necessary to ensure the maintenance of an acceptable MFO.

I wish to inform you that I sent today to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel an identical letter, and I propose that my letters and the replies thereto constitute an agreement among the three States.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

The Egyptian Ambassador to the Secretary of State

EMBASSY OF THE
ARAB REPUBLIC OF
EGYPT
2310 DECATUR PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008

August 3, 1981

The Honorable
Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am instructed on behalf of Foreign Minister Ali to transmit the following letter:

Sincerely,

Ashraf A. Ghorbal
Ambassador

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Egypt agrees to the contents of your letter dated August 3, 1981, and wishes to express its appreciation to the United States for having helped the two countries to reach this agreement.

Sincerely,

Kamal Hassan Ali

Kamal Hassan Ali
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister of Foreign Affairs

5

The Secretary of State to the Israeli Foreign Minister

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

August 3, 1981

Dear Mr. Minister:

I wish to confirm the understandings concerning the United States' role reached in your negotiations on the establishment and maintenance of the Multinational Force and Observers:

1. The post of the Director-General will be held by U.S. nationals suggested by the United States.

2. Egypt and Israel will accept proposals made by the United States concerning the appointment of the Director-General, the appointment of the Commander, and the financial issues related to paragraphs 24-26 of the Annex to the Protocol, if no agreement is reached on any of these issues between the Parties. The United States will participate in deliberations concerning financial matters. In the event of differences of view between the parties over the composition of the MFO, the two sides will invite the U.S. to join them in resolving any issues.

3. Subject to Congressional authorization and appropriations:

A. The United States will contribute an infantry battalion and a logistics support unit from its armed forces and will provide a group of civilian observers to the MFO.

B. The United States will contribute one-third of the annual operating expenses of the MFO. The United States will be reimbursed by the MFO for the costs incurred in the change of station of U.S. Armed Forces provided to the MFO and for the costs incurred in providing civilian observers to the MFO. For the initial period

The Honorable
Yitzhak Shamir,
Foreign Minister,
Israel.

(July 1, 1981 - September 30, 1982) during which there will be exceptional costs connected with the establishment of the MFO, the United States agrees to provide three-fifths of the costs, subject to the same understanding concerning reimbursement.

C. The United States will use its best efforts to find acceptable replacements for contingents that withdraw from the MFO.

D. The United States remains prepared to take those steps necessary to ensure the maintenance of an acceptable MFO.

I wish to inform you that I sent today to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt an identical letter, and I propose that my letters and the replies thereto constitute an agreement among the three States.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

The Israeli Ambassador to the Secretary of State

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

שגרירות ישראל
וושינגטון

AO/397

3 August 1981

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I have been asked by Foreign Minister Shamir to transmit to you the following message:

"Dear Mr. Secretary:

Israel agrees to the contents of your letter dated August 3, 1981 and wishes to express its appreciation to the United States for having helped the two countries to reach this agreement.

Sincerely,

(sgd.)
Yitzhak Shamir

Foreign Minister"

Sincerely,

Ephraim Evron
Ambassador

The Honorable
Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.